

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The emergency clause is added to the bill. Now let's see, Senator Kelly, do you wish to speak to the bill?

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, recognizing LB 690 is on the consent calendar and recognizing that maybe within this body this is a noncontroversial issue but as a public issue it will not be noncontroversial. Basically the very purpose of the bill would be to cause a suit to determine whether the bill can be done or not. I concur with that program. I concur with more money available to the people serving in the Legislature but I do not concur with the consent calendar approach to handling what may be one of the most important pieces of legislation in the Legislature, not only this year but the next couple of years also. It would appear to me that if we railroad this bill, which I am sure could be very easily done, we would open up our process of legitimacy in the legislative process and be criticized very strongly and in my opinion as a citizen of this state, very rightly would we be criticized. The objects that we are after are admirable and it is my intention at the proper time to support them but it is not my intention to support them on the consent calendar.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, I am sure that we will have some court action on this but I happen to be one of the members that has kept a very good record of what I have been doing in the last several years and especially this last year and as Senator Lewis has mentioned, the funding that we must put out for lodging, the funding that we must put out for travel has been enormous. I am not sure we can be reimbursed for all of it but I do have some figures that you might be interested in. In the last year, I am talking about 1979, I traveled nineteen thousand seven hundred and some miles in which I call legislative work. I was paid for some five thousand of these miles because of the committee meetings and hearings that we had during the interim. As you all know we get one trip during the session. I have never charged any mileage in my district for travelling from my home to any of the number of cities that I serve, or towns, which some of them are a hundred and some miles away from my home, but it is very interesting. I also kept an apartment which cost me about \$2,700 last year and I am not complaining. I already filed for office for another four years so I am not complaining about that but I think this is a good approach. I think that we should be reimbursed. I think we should have some rules and regulations which Senator Lewis has talked about. I am not in favor of opening it up. I'm not really sure I should be allowed to go home every week and be paid by state